

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the present application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remains under examination in the application are presented below. The claims are presented in ascending order and each includes one status identifier.

13. (Original) A system for inserting a sling through a vaginal incision to treat a patient's incontinence comprising:

a sling having end portions,

at least two sling anchors, each sling anchor adapted to be associated with an end portion of the sling to anchor the sling; and

a sling anchor inserter adapted to insert a sling anchor initially through a vaginal incision and then into the patient's retropubic space, the sling anchor inserter adapted to anchor the sling anchor without requiring an incision.

14. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 13 wherein the sling anchor inserter is adapted to anchor the sling anchor just above the periosteum near the patient's superior rami and pubic symphysis.

15. (Original) A system according to claim 13 wherein the sling comprises a substantially rectangular material, and

wherein the sling anchor comprises a substantially cylindrical body having a bore therethrough and a threaded suture.

16. (Withdrawn) A system according to claim 13 wherein the sling comprises a substantially rectangular, synthetic material, and wherein the sling anchor comprises a clip.